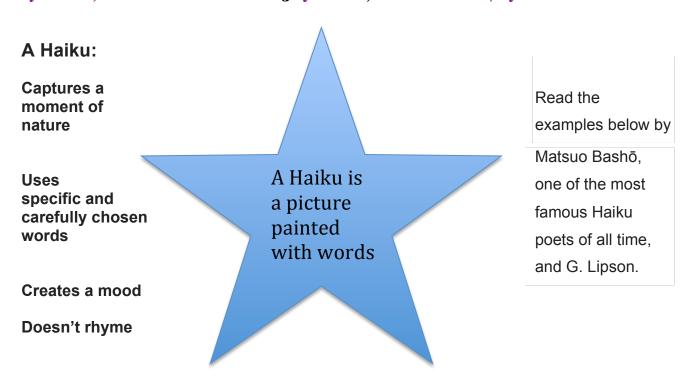
Write a Spring Haiku

Informational Handout

The first day of spring is a perfect time to write a Haiku. Spring in itself creates a certain mood. Read about Haikus and then write one. They are often illustrated.

What is a Haiku? A Haiku is a form of poetry that started in Japan. A Haiku has 3 lines. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5 syllables, for a total of 17 syllables.



An old silent pond (5)
A frog jumps into the pond (7)
Splash, silence again. (5)
Basho

In the darkest woods (5)

A weeping willow tree cries (7)

Who made such sadness? (5)

G. Lipson

Student Worksheet

Now it's time to write your own Haiku. Follow the list of tips below.

	Think of a spring scene that gives you special memories or feelings.
2.	Really picture this scenic moment in your mind and then write down words and phrases that describe it. Remember a Haiku is a picture painted with words.
3.	Remember a Haiku is 3 lines, line one has 5 syllables, line two has 7 syllables, and line three has 5 syllables. <u>Create a powerful realistic visual with just 17 syllables.</u> Refer to the <i>Informational Handout</i> if you need help.
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